

**State of California
Department of Parks and Recreation**

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
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FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
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PROJECT TITLE: Los Baños Creek Security Gate

LOCATION: San Luis Reservoir State Recreation Area

COUNTY: Merced

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

Construct new security gate at Canyon Road entrance to San Luis Reservoir State Recreation Area and widen a (maximum) 160 foot section of roadway by 60 feet for a vehicle-with-trailer turnaround. Large boulders will maintain the perimeter to keep vehicles off vegetation. An island will be constructed inside the gate for a possible future kiosk. A solar panel will be added to power the electronic gate. The existing fences will be extended to meet the new gate. The project will improve public safety by restricting access to the Los Baños Creek Detention Dam after dark.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Four Rivers District

EXEMPT STATUS:

- ☐ Declared Emergency (Section 15269(a))
☐ Emergency Project (Section 15269(b) and (c))
☐ Statutory Exemption (Section:)
☒ Categorical Exemption

Class: 1,3

Section: 15301, 15303

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

Project consists of the repair and minor alteration of existing public facilities and topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond current levels, and the construction of new, small facilities and structures, included as "trail or road repairs" and "construction of fencing and gates" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR § 15300.4.

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